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SUBJECT: TEXT OF KAUNDA'S DECEMBER 6 STATEMENT OF RHODESIA

REF: LUSAKA 3704

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY ZAMBIAN
PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA AT PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 6
(REFTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

APPROACH TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

1. A DELIBERATE IMPRESSION IS BEING CREATED THAT ZAMBIA IS
AGAINST THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. WE HAVE STATED TIME
AND AGAIN THAT WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS.
BUT WE SAID THEN AND REAFFIRM NOW THAT ANY FORMULA WHICH MAKES
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SMITH A CENTRAL AUTHORITY WILL NEVER SUCCEED. WE KNOW THAT
THERE ARE MANY SERIOUS FLAWS IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS.
WE ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE POSITIVE POINTS. WE SAID THAT
MUCH AS WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS
WILL SUCCEED, WE WERE WILLING TO GIVE IT THE BENEFIT OF THE
DOUBT. WE DID.

2. WE ONLY ACCEPTED THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS IN PRINCIPLE

AND ONLY AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. WE DID THIS BECAUSE OF THE OBVIOUS FLAWS REFERRED TO. WE ALSO DID SO BECAUSE THAT WAS THE STAND OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. WE ARE A REAR BASE FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. WE ASSIST THEM WHETHER THEY ARE FIGHTING OR NEGOTIATING.

3. OUR CONVICTION IS BASED ON WHAT IS HAPPING IN ZIMBABWE INTERNALLY:

(A) ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS ARE INCREASING AND NOT DECREASING;

(B) HANGINGS OF ZIMBABWEANS FOR POLITICAL OFFENCES ARE INCREASING;

(C) MASSACRES OF INNOCENT ZIMBABWEANS BY REBEL FORCES ARE INCREASING AND NOT DECREASING. THERE ARE FEW PARALLELS IN HISTORY OF MAN TO COMPARE WITH WHAT IS NOW TAKING PLACE IN ZIMBABWE.

(D) THE REBELS ARE MOBILIZING FOR TOTAL WAR AGAINST NATIONALISTS AND NATIONALISTS' CAMPS. THE ARMY IS BEING EXPANDED AND NOT REDUCED.

THE MILITARY BUDGET IS INCREASING, NOT DECREASING. THE REBELS ARE BUYING MORE SOPHISTICATED ARMS AND A WIDER RANGE OF PEOPLE IN ZIMBABWE ARE BEING GIVEN ARMS. BLACK DOCTORS ARE BEING CONSCRIPTED IN THE ARMY WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT YEAR.

(E) SMITH IS ONCE AGAIN DANGLING THE IDEA OF AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDST OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE. THIS WILL RESULT IN CIVIL STRIFE.

(F) SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH HAD ADOPTED A POLICY OF MILITARY UNCLASSIFIED

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DISENGAGEMENT FROM RHODESIA IS NOW ADOPTING A POLICY OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY ENGAGEMENT. WE BELIEVE SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS ARE ON ZAMBIA'S BORDERS WITH THE REBEL COLONY. ALL THIS TESTIFIES TO THE FACT THAT NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN ZIMBABWE TO EXCITE ZAMBIA INTO COMMITTING HER EFFORTS IN NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT CEASEFIRE AND OTHER ISSUES OF A PERIPHERAL NATURE.

4. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, ZAMBIA'S VIEW IS THAT FOCUS MUST BE ON INDEPENDENCE FIRST, THAT IS ON THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE MAJORITY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE FIGHTING. ALL THE PEACE INITIATIVES ARE A PRODUCT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT EFFORTS. THEY HOLD THE DAGGER BEHIND SMITH AND IF YOU REMOVE THAT DAGGER SMITH WILL CONTINUE TO BUY TIME. THE WORLD MUST HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. SO WE MUST NOT THROW AWAY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AS IF THE WAR HAS ENDED AND WE HAVE NO NEED FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THEIR UNITY WHICH IS THE BASIS OF THEIR STRENGTH.

5. THIS IS WHY WE DO NOT THINK THAT ELECTIONS UNDER THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE SHOULD COME BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. I, THEREFORE, WANT TO RECORD OUR VIEWS. WE HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF DELAYING INDEPENDENCE BY ADVOCATING THE POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS UNTIL INDEPENDENCE IS ATTAINED. THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

WE ARE SAYING, LET THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE HAVE INDEPENDENCE
IN DECEMBER, 1977, OR IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL,
MAY OR JUNE, 1978, BUT NOT LATER. THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED ON THE BASIS
OF OUR PROPOSAL. BUT, UNDER THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN,
THERE IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT AGENTS OF
IMPERIALISM AND AGENTS OF THE REBELS, TRAINED IN THE TACTICS
OF DISRUPTING MEETINGS OF OPPONENTS, WILL USE THEIR TACTICS
AND THIS WILL RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION AND POSSIBLE POST-
POJEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE. WE HAVE HAD MANY LESSONS IN THE
PA&T WHICH WE MUST LEARN. BUT IT SEEMS AS IF PEOPLE NEVER
LERAN LESSONS. AS A RESULT, WE NOW BELIEVE THAT WZ HAVE
MADE OUR CASE. WE HAVE WARNED EVERYBODY ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES
OF THEIR ACTION. NOW, AS IN THE PAST, WE WILL NOT STAND IN
THE WAY OF THOSE FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN
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INITIATIVE AS AN ANSWER TO EVERYTHING. WE NOW SAY WE WITH-
DRAW FRO THE DEBATE. LET THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS GO
AHEAD. BUT LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, IN THE EVENT OF ANY MISHAP,
WE WILL NOT BE HELD ACOUTABLE. ZAMBIA WILL NOT BE INVOLVED
IN TRYING TO RESCUE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN MISSION. WE HAVE
TRIED TO HELP, BUT WE CAN ONLY WISH THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED
GOOD LUCK. IN THE MEANTIME, LET THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE KNOW
THAT IF THEY STOP FIGHTING, INDEPENDENCE WILL NOT COME NEXT
YEAR AND POSSIBLY NOT EVEN THE YEAR AFTER. STATE HOUSE, LUSAKA.
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